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1. Tungning (131-14, 44-01) was an advance base of the Japanese Army. In August 1945 Soviet troops entered Tungning from Poltavka (131-20, 44-00) and destroyed all military establishments and fortifications. There were no Communist or Soviet military units in Tungning in September 1947. Peace and order were maintained by the [?Communist?] Public Peace Bureau.
2. The Tungning area has suffered from the Communist land redistribution policy. Because of the shortage of fertilizer and farm animals, agricultural production for 1947 was only 30 per cent of that for 1945.
3. There is little economic activity in Tungning. To a great extent barter replaces the use of currency. The small amount of currency in use consists mainly of Soviet military currency and the former Manchukuo yen, since the people will not accept Communist currency if they can get any other kind.
4. The Soviets are building a machinery factory in Tungning. It is called an agricultural implements factory, but it seems to be a factory for manufacturing tank and automobile parts. Work was started in June 1947; excavation for the factory buildings was completed in October and activity was then suspended for the winter. Natives of Tungning were used as laborers for the excavation work, but the more skilled tasks were performed by Russians. Work on the buildings will begin in June 1948. The factory site will cover seven acres; when completed, the factory will employ 4,000 workers.

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